The PRESENT STATE of

Doctor *Steevens*'s Hoſpital;

Together, with a Scheme to enlarge the Fund, for the Maintenance and Cure of 300 Sick Perſons.

DOCTOR *Richard Steevens*, an Eminent Phyſician of *Dublin*, did in the Year 1710, by his laſt Will, bequeath to his Siſter Mrs. *Grizel Steevens*, all his real Eſtate, to the Value of 600 *l. per Ann.* or thereabouts, for her Life: And after her Deceaſe to erect and endow an Hoſpital, near *Dublin*, for the Maintenance and Cure of the ſick, and wounded, *curable* Poor of this Kingdom.

Mrs. *Grizel Steevens*, out of regard to her Brother's Memory, and being deſirous to promote ſo great a Charity, did, ſoon after her Brother's Deceaſe, purchaſe Lands in a proper Place near this City, and begin to build a fair and convenient Hoſpital: But much larger than her Brother's Fortune cou'd endow, in hopes that ſuch People whom God had bleſs'd with Wealth, and charitable Minds, might be moved to contribute to, and compleat ſo pious a Deſign.

This Lady, aſſiſted by the Legacies of ſome, and the Donations of others, finiſhed more than two Thirds of the Building, and furniſhed ſome Parts of it, with all Things neceſſary for the Entertainment of Forty Sick Perſons: Which Number ſhe is pleaſed to maintain and provide for during her Life.

The Governors (who are a Corporation by Act of Parliament) willing to compleat what was left unfiniſhed by Mrs. *Steevens*, did ſet about a Charitable Subſcription, whereby they ſoon raiſed near 1500 *l.* which has been expended towards finiſhing the Building.

The Building is now compleat, and capable of receiving 300 Sick Perſons or more, when ſufficient Benefactions ſhall be made for their Support.

In order to provide the ſooner for ſo large a Number, it is Propoſed, that the Beds, over and above what may be ſupported by the full Income of Dr. *Steevens*'s Charity, be numbred: and each Number be endow'd for ever ſingly, by ſuch Perſons as are diſpoſed to promote ſo charitable a Work.

That each Bed, ſo numbred and endowed, ſhall have the reſpective Benefactor's Name affixed to it; And that ſuch Benefactor his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever ſhall have a Right, from Time to Time, to recommend to their reſpective vacant Bed; provided the Patients recommended be within the Laws and Rules of the Hoſpital.

An Eſtimate having been made, it is found that the Sum of 200 *l. Sterl.* or ten Pounds *per Ann.* is ſufficient to endow one Bed for ever, ſo as to provide it with *Bedding*, *Diet*, *Attendance*, *Medicines*, *Nurſe-keeper*, *Coals*, *Candles* and *Waſhing*.

And becauſe there are many Perſons very charitably diſpoſed who are not able to lay out the Sum of 200 *l.* it is farther propoſed that two, three, or four Perſons joining may endow one Bed, whereby Each of them, their Heirs and Aſſigns, may have two, three, or four Turns of Recommendation in one Year, and ſo on for ever.

Upon this Scheme, a Sum of Money hath already been given, and it is hoped, that in a little Time, ſuch farther Endowments will be made, as may provide for the Recovery of great Numbers of poor decay'd *Houſe-keepers*, *Tradeſmen*, and *Labourers*, who by Sickneſs, or Hurts, are diſabled from earning Bread, for the Support of their numerous and periſhing Families.

This Hoſpital was opened, for the Reception of Mrs. *Steevens*'s Charity, on the 23d of *July*, 1733. And ſince that Time, to the Date hereof, there have been cured and diſcharged, of wounded, maimed, ſick and diſeaſed Perſons, out of this City, and other Parts of the Kingdom, 277

Buried after much Charge in their Illneſs, 25

Remain under Cure, at the Charge of the Hoſpital, 39

N. B. Any poor Perſons labouring under ſudden Accidents, Fevers, or Pleuriſies, will be received on any Day, and Hour, (provided there be Room) without the uſual Certificates.

Dated at Dr. *Steevens*'s Hoſpital, the 10th. of *Jan.* 1734-5.

Signed by Order,

Mic. Wills.